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SUBJECT: CONSULTATIONS ON DEALING WITH REFERENCES TO CERDS

REFS: A) STATE 133602; B) VIENNA 5325

1. DR. BACKES IN FOREIGN MINISTRY GAVE US RUNDOWN

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JUNE 25 ON FOREIGN MINISTRY REACTIONS TO U.S. VIEWS

CONTAINED REF A. BACKES EMPHASIZED THAT AUSTRIA HAS NO OBJECTION IN PRINCIPLE TO SEEKING A COMMON POSITION TO DEAL WITH CERDS AND NIEO RESOLUTIONS. HE WAS VERY SKEPTICAL HOWEVER THAT EFFORTS TO HAVE SINGLE REPRESENTATIVE EXPLAIN VOTES OR TO DEVELOP JOINT STATEMENT AS OUTLINED IN PARA 8, SUB-SECTIONS H AND I WOULD SUCCEED. HE DOUBTED THAT EVEN EC 9 WOULD BE ABLE TO AGREE AMONG THEMSELVES ON A CONCERTED POSITION AND HE WAS THUS DOUBTFUL THAT SUCH ATTEMPTS WOULD BE SUCCESSFUL AMONG LARGER GROUP OF COUNTRIES. HE THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE EVENTUALLY TO DEVELOP CONCERTED POSITIONS BUT HE DOUBTED THAT THERE WAS SUFFICIENT TIME BETWEEN NOW AND SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION TO DO SO.

2. A FURTHER DIFFICULTY BACKES SEES IS THAT, EVEN IF CONCERTED TACTICAL POSITIONS COULD BE DEVELOPED, HE THOUGHT INDIVIDUAL GOVERNMENTS, RESPONDING TO POLITICAL PRESSURES IN A GIVEN CASE, MIGHT STILL REFRAIN FROM SUPPORTING THEM.

3. BACKES DOUBTED THAT OECD WOULD BE THE BEST FORUM IN WHICH TO HAVE FURTHER TALKS ON THIS ISSUE. HE STRONGLY RECOMMENDED FURTHER DISCUSSIONS AMONG THE COUNTRY DELEGATIONS TO UN IN NEW YORK, SINCE HE BELIEVED THESE DELEGATIONS MOST FAMILIAR WITH THE PROBLEMS AND UN PROCEDURES.

4. COMMENT: WHILE BACKES DID NOT STRESS AUSTRIAN CONCERN ABOUT POSSIBLE CONFRONTATIONAL APPEARANCE OF CONCERTED POSITION, AND IN FACT DOWNPLAYED THIS, WE BELIEVE AUSTRIANS ARE HIGHLY SENSITIVE TO POSSIBILITY THAT DEVELOPING COUNTRIES MIGHT READ CONFRONTATION INTO ANY CONCERTED APPROACH AS SUGGESTED REF A. AS NOTED REF B, PRESENT AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT UNDER SOCIALIST CHANCELLOR KREISKY HAS GONE TO GREAT LENGTHS TO AVOID ANTAGONIZING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND IS ACTIVELY CULTIVATING IMAGE OF AUSTRIA AS FRIEND OF THIRD WORLD.

5. WE INTEND TO REITERATE U.S. POSITION AS OUTLINED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REF A WITH OTHER HIGH-LEVEL OFFICIALS IN FOREIGN MINISTRY, TRADE MINISTRY AND CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE AND WILL REPORT ANY FURTHER REACTIONS. EMBASSY CONTINUES TO BELIEVE DIRECT APPROACH TO AUSTRIAN UN REP JANKOWITSCH MIGHT BE USEFUL, SINCE HE HAS CLOSE PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH CHANCELLOR KREISKY. BUCHANAN

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